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# STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 122ND LEGISLATURE SECOND REGULAR SESSION

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "H" to H.P. 1306, L.D. 1866, Bill, "An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws"

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Amend the bill by inserting after the enacting clause and before section 1 the following:

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'Sec. 1. 29-A MRSA §151, sub-§2, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 683, Pt. A, §2 and affected by Pt. B, §5, is amended to read:

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2. Maintain offices. Maintain 13--full-time offices at convenient places to carry out duties related to applications for registration of and licenses for the operation of motor vehicles; and

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Sec. 2. 29-A MRSA  $\S 201$ , sub- $\S 3$ ,  $\P H$  is enacted to read:

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H. The Secretary of State may authorize municipal agents to charge a fee not to exceed \$1 over the required fee for other transactions that the municipal agent carries out on behalf of the Secretary of State and that are not listed in this subsection.'

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Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

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'Sec. 3. 29-A MRSA §1611, sub-§2,  $\P B$ , as affected by PL 1995, c. 65, Pt. A, §153, amended by Pt. B, §18 and affected by Pt. C, §15, is further amended to read:

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B. For vehicles used exclusively to transport passengers for hire between points within the State, including motor

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	vehicles under contract with the State, a municipality or a
2	school district for the transportation of students, but not vehicles defined as school buses in section 2301, subsection
4	5, there is a combined single limit of:
6	(1) One hundred twenty-five thousand dollars, or split
8	limits consisting of \$50,000 per person and \$100,000 per occurrence for bodily injury liability, and \$25,000
10	for property damage liability for vehicles not under contract with the State, a municipality or a school
10	district for the transportation of students that are
12	<pre>designed to carry no more than 3 passengers behind the driver's seat;</pre>
14	(2) Three hundred thousand dollars for vehicles that
16	are designed to carry 4 to 7 passengers behind the
18	driver's seat, including those vehicles under contract with the State, a municipality or a school district for
20	the transportation of students;
	(3) Seven hundred fifty thousand dollars for vehicles
22	that are designed to carry 8 to 15 passengers behind the driver's seat;
24	(4) One million five hundred thousand dollars for
26	vehicles that are designed to carry 16 to 30 passengers behind the driver's seat; and
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30	(5) Two million dollars for vehicles that are designed to carry 31 or more passengers behind the driver's seat; and
32	(6) Four hundred thousand dollars for vehicles
34	registered to a transit district as defined in Title
36	30-A, section 3501.
	Sec. 4. Vision screening requirements report. The Secretary of
38	State shall review current statutory vision screening
40	requirements for driver's licenses to identify potential changes in law or opportunities under the existing law to increase the
42	number of motorists eligible to renew their driver's licenses online and shall report its findings to the joint standing

Sec. 5. Driver's license cycle report. The Secretary of State shall develop a plan to level out the driver's license cycle and shall report its findings to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters no later than December 31, 2006.'

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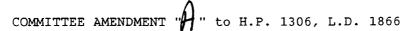
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Further amend the bill by relettering or renumbering any Part letter or section number to read nonconsecutive consecutively.

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#### **SUMMARY**

This amendment adds the following provisions to the bill. makes the for-hire insurance requirements amendment consistent with the provisions of Public Law 2005, chapter 399, which limited transit districts' tort liability to \$400,000. amendment allows the Secretary of State to operate customer service locations within approved budgetary limits, rather than limiting the branches that can exist to a specific number. amendment enables the Secretary of State to authorize municipal agents to conduct transactions and charge fees on an ongoing basis when that transaction and the associated fee are not already provided in existing law. The amendment directs the Secretary of State to review the existing statutory vision screening requirements to identify potential changes in law or other opportunities under existing law to increase the number of motorists eliqible for online renewal services and report with recommendations to the joint standing committee Legislature having jurisdiction over transportation matters no later than December 31, 2006. The amendment directs the Secretary of State to develop a plan for leveling out the currently uneven 6-year driver's license cycle to eliminate the variations in business activity and corresponding Highway Fund revenue.

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FISCAL NOTE REQUIRED (See attached)

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### 122nd MAINE LEGISLATURE

**LD 1866** 

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An Act To Amend the Motor Vehicle Laws

Fiscal Note for Bill as Amended by Committee Amendment "H"

Committee: Transportation

Fiscal Note Required: Yes

#### **Fiscal Note**

Minor cost increase - Highway Fund